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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 5, 12, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

3. Claim 5 recites the limitation "the fictitious neighbor value" in line 1 of the claim. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

4. Claim 12 recites the limitation "the fictitious neighbor value" in line 1 of the claim. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

5. Claim 14 recites the limitation "the color code" in line of the claim. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Double Patenting

3. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to

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be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

4 Claims 1-3 and 18-20 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 and 31 of U.S. Patent No. 2005/0227691 in view of Shaheen et al. (US Pat Appl# 2004/0203792).

Regarding claim 1, U.S. Patent No. 2005/0227691 teaches a method in a communication device for handover from a first radio access network to a second radio access network, the first radio access network using a different mode of communication from the second radio access network, the method comprising entering an ongoing communication on the first radio access network; detecting a presence of a second radio access network, the second radio access network being unregistered with the first radio access network at initial detection of the presence of the second radio access network while in the ongoing communication; and transferring the ongoing communication from the first radio access network to the second radio access network (Claim 1). U.S. Patent No. 2005/0227691 fails to teach initial detection of the presence of the second radio access network while in the ongoing communication.

Shaheen's method for handoff between a wireless local area network and a universal mobile telecommunication system teaches a method in a communication device for handover from a first radio access network UMTS (Fig. 7) to a second radio access network WLAN (Fig. 7), the first radio access network using a different mode of communication from the second radio access network (Section 0018), the method comprising entering an ongoing communication on the first radio access network

UMTS (Fig. 7); detecting a presence of a second radio access network S6 (Fig. 7), the second radio access network being unregistered with the first radio access network at initial detection of the presence of the second radio access network while in the ongoing communication (Fig. 7 and Sections 0039-0043); and transferring the ongoing communication from the first radio access network to the second radio access network S16-S21 (Fig. 7 and Sections 0006-0009 and 0039-0043).

Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate initial detection of the presence of the second radio access network while in the ongoing communication as taught by Shaheen into U.S. Patent No. 2005/0227691 method for handover between two networks during an ongoing communication in order to make handover easier and automatic (Sections 0003-0004).

Regarding claim 2, the combination including U.S. Patent No. 2005/0227691 teaches wherein the first radio access network is a cellular radio access network and wherein the second radio access network is a wireless local area network (Claim 2).

Regarding claim 3, the combination including U.S. Patent No. 2005/0227691 teaches wherein the second radio access network is not associated with the first radio access network by the first radio access network not initially having information on the second radio access network (Claim 3).

Regarding claim 18, U.S. Patent No. 2005/0227691 teaches a communication device for handover from a first radio access network to a second radio access network, the first radio access network using a different mode of communication from

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the second radio access network, the communication device comprising a transceiver; a controller coupled to the transceiver, the controller configured to enter an ongoing communication on the first radio access network via the transceiver; a network detection module configured to detect the presence of a second radio access network, the second radio access network being unregistered with the first radio access network at initial detection of the presence of the second radio access network while in the ongoing communication; and a handover module configured to transfer the ongoing communication from the first radio access network to the second radio access network (Claim 31). U.S. Patent No. 2005/0227691 fails to teach initial detection of the presence of the second radio access network while in the ongoing communication.

Shaheen teaches a communication device for handover from a first radio access network UMTS (Fig. 7) to a second radio access network WLAN (Fig. 7), the first radio access network using a different mode of communication from the second radio access network (Section 0018), the communication device comprising a transceiver (Fig. 7); a controller coupled to the transceiver, the controller configured to enter an ongoing communication on the first radio access network via the transceiver (Fig. 7); a network detection module configured to detect the presence of a second radio access network S6 (Fig. 7), the second radio access network being unregistered with the first radio access network at initial detection of the presence of the second radio access network while in the ongoing communication (Sections 0039-0043); and a handover module configured to transfer the ongoing communication from the first radio access network to

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the second radio access network S16-S21 (Fig. 7 and Sections 0006-0009 and 0039-0043).

Regarding claim 19, the combination including U.S. Patent No. 2005/0227691 teaches wherein the first radio access network is a cellular radio access network and wherein the second radio access network is a wireless local area network (Claim 2).

Regarding claim 20, the combination including U.S. Patent No. 2005/0227691 teaches wherein the second radio access network is not associated with the first radio access network by the first radio access network not initially having information on the second radio access network (Claim 3).

5. Claim 10 is rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 and 31 of U.S. Patent No. 2005/0227691 in view of Ovesjo et al. (US Pat Appl# 2002/0160785).

Regarding claim 10, U.S. Patent No. 2005/0227691 teaches a method in a radio access network for handover from a first radio access network to a second radio access network, the first radio access network using a different mode of communication from the second radio access network, the method comprising recognizing an ongoing call of the communication device in a serving cell on the first radio access network; and transferring the call from the first radio access network to the second radio access network (Claim 1). U.S. Patent No. 2005/0227691 fails to teach a measurement report.

Ovesjo's commanding handover between differing radio access technologies teaches a method in a radio access network for handover from a first radio access

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network to a second radio access network, the first radio access network using a different mode of communication from the second radio access network (Fig.1, Sections 0017-0020), the method comprising recognizing an ongoing call of the communication device in a serving cell on the first radio access network (Fig. 3); receiving a measurement report including an identifiable value associated with a serving cell of the first radio access network (Fig.3 and Sections 0032 and 0037-0038); and transferring the call from the first radio access network to the second radio access network (Fig. 3).

Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate a measurement report as taught by Ovesjo into U.S. Patent No. 2005/0227691 method for handover between two networks during an ongoing communication in order to have additional parameters in a handover command without lengthening the command message (Section 0016).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 1-4, 7-8, 18-20, and 24-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Shaheen et al. (US Pat Appl# 2004/0203792).

Regarding claim 1, Shaheen's method for handoff between a wireless local area network and a universal mobile telecommunication system teaches a method in a communication device for handover from a first radio access network UMTS (Fig. 7) to a second radio access network WLAN (Fig. 7), the first radio access network using a different mode of communication from the second radio access network (Section 0018), the method comprising entering an ongoing communication on the first radio access network UMTS (Fig. 7); detecting a presence of a second radio access network S6 (Fig. 7), the second radio access network being unregistered with the first radio access network at initial detection of the presence of the second radio access network while in the ongoing communication (Fig. 7 and Sections 0039-0043); and transferring the ongoing communication from the first radio access network to the second radio access network S16-S21 (Fig. 7 and Sections 0006-0009 and 0039-0043).

Regarding claim 2, Shaheen teaches wherein the first radio access network is a cellular radio access network (UMTS) and wherein the second radio access network is a wireless local area network (Fig. 7 and Sections 0006-0009 and 0039-0043).

Regarding claim 3, Shaheen teaches wherein the second radio access network is not associated with the first radio access network by the first radio access network not initially having information on the second radio access network (Fig. 7 and Sections 0006-0009 and 0039-0043).

Regarding claim 4, Shaheen teaches transmitting a measurement report including a fictitious neighbor value S7 and S8 (Fig. 7).

Regarding claim 7, Shaheen teaches setting up a data session with the second radio access network; and querying the second radio access network for information relevant to a circuit handover (Fig. 7).

Regarding claim 8, Shaheen teaches transmitting a message via a messaging service, the message including information on the second radio access network, the message indicating a desire to transfer the call from the first radio access network to the second radio access network (Fig. 7).

Regarding claim 18, Shaheen teaches a communication device for handover from a first radio access network UMTS (Fig. 7) to a second radio access network WLAN (Fig. 7), the first radio access network using a different mode of communication from the second radio access network (Section 0018), the communication device comprising a transceiver (Fig. 7); a controller coupled to the transceiver, the controller configured to enter an ongoing communication on the first radio access network via the transceiver (Fig. 7); a network detection module configured to detect the presence of a second radio access network S6 (Fig. 7), the second radio access network being unregistered with the first radio access network at initial detection of the presence of the second radio access network while in the ongoing communication (Sections 0039-0043); and a handover module configured to transfer the ongoing communication from the first radio access network to the second radio access network S16-S21 (Fig. 7 and Sections 0006-0009 and 0039-0043).

Regarding claim 19, Shaheen teaches wherein the first radio access network is a cellular radio access network UMTS (Fig. 7) and wherein the second radio access network is a wireless local area network WLAN (Fig. 7).

Regarding claim 20, Shaheen teaches wherein the second radio access network is unregistered with the first radio access network by the first radio access network not initially having information on the second radio access network when the network detection module detects the presence of the second radio access network (Fig. 7 and Sections 0006-0009 and 0039-0043).

Regarding claim 24, Shaheen teaches wherein the controller is further configured to set up a data session with the second radio access network and query the second radio access network for information relevant to a circuit handover S9-S21 (Fig. 7).

Regarding claim 25, Shaheen teaches wherein the controller is further configured to transmit a message via a messaging service, the message including information on the second radio access network, the message indicating a desire to transfer the call from the first radio access network to the second radio access network (Fig. 7).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claims 5-6 and 22-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shaheen et al. (US Pat Appl# 2004/0203792) in view of Boyer et al. (US Pat# 7,050,812).

Regarding claim 5, Shaheen's method for handoff between a wireless local area network and a universal mobile telecommunication system teaches the limitations to claim 1. Shaheen fails to teach a color code.

Boyer's method in channel assignment in a cellular network teaches wherein the fictitious neighbor value includes one of a same radio frequency value as a broadcast channel carrier of the serving cell including with a different color code from the broadcast channel carrier of the serving cell, and a frequency value not used as a broadcast channel of the first radio access network of the serving cell (Col. 26 line 24-Col. 28 line 41).

Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate a color code as taught by Boyer into Shaheen's method for handoff between a wireless local area network and a universal mobile telecommunication system in order to achieve a high degree of quality signals by minimizing the interference (Col. 2 lines 8-12).

Regarding claim 6, the combination including Boyer teaches wherein the color code comprises an information field including a first three bits of a base station identity code (Col. 26 line 24-Col. 28 line 41).

Regarding claim 22, the combination including Boyer teaches a same radio frequency value as a broadcast channel carrier of the serving cell including with a

different color code from the broadcast channel carrier of the serving cell, and a frequency value not used as a broadcast channel of the first radio access network of the serving cell (Col. 26 line 24-Col. 28 line 41).

Regarding claim 23, the combination including Boyer teaches wherein the color code comprises an information field including a first three bits of a base station identity code (Col. 26 line 24-Col. 28 line 41).

10. Claims 9 and 26 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shaheen et al. (US Pat Appl# 2004/0203792) in view of Stumpert et al. (US Pat Appl# 2004/0157600).

Regarding claim 9, Shaheen's method for handoff between a wireless local area network and a universal mobile telecommunication system teaches the limitations to claim 1. Shaheen fails to teach a short messaging service.

Stumpert's method for determining whether to grant access of a user equipment to a radio access network teaches wherein the messaging service is a short messaging service and wherein the message is a short messaging service message (Sections 0007, 0050, and 0054).

Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate a short messaging service as taught by Stumpert into Shaheen's method for handoff between a wireless local area network and a universal mobile telecommunication system in order to save money and be more efficient (Sections 0004-0005).

Regarding claim 26, the combination including Stumpert teaches wherein the messaging service is a short messaging service and wherein the message is a short messaging service message (Sections 0007, 0050, and 0054).

●II. Claims 10-11, 16-17, 21, 27, and 33-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shaheen et al. (US Pat Appl# 2004/0203792) in view of Ovesjo et al. (US Pat Appl# 2002/0160785).

Regarding claim 10, Shaheen's method for handoff between a wireless local area network and a universal mobile telecommunication system teaches a method in a radio access network for handover from a first radio access network UMTS (Fig. 7) to a second radio access network WLAN (Fig. 7), the first radio access network using a different mode of communication from the second radio access network (Section 0018), the method comprising recognizing an ongoing call of the communication device in a serving cell on the first radio access network (Fig. 7); receiving a measurement report S7 and S8 (Fig. 7) including an identifiable value associated with a serving cell of the first radio access network (Fig. 7); and transferring the call from the first radio access network to the second radio access network S16-S21 (Fig. 7 and Sections 0006-0009 and 0039-0043). Shaheen fails to teach a measurement report of the first radio access network.

Ovesjo's commanding handover between differing radio access technologies teaches a method in a radio access network for handover from a first radio access network to a second radio access network, the first radio access network using a different mode of communication from the second radio access network (Fig.1, Sections

0017-0020), the method comprising recognizing an ongoing call of the communication device in a serving cell on the first radio access network (Fig. 3); receiving a measurement report including an identifiable value associated with a serving cell of the first radio access network (Fig.3 and Sections 0032 and 0037-0038); and transferring the call from the first radio access network to the second radio access network (Fig. 3).

Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate a measurement report of the first radio access network as taught by Ovesjo into Shaheen's method for handoff between a wireless local area network and a universal mobile telecommunication system in order to have additional parameters in a handover command without lengthening the command message (Section 0016).

Regarding claim 11, the combination including Ovesjo teaches wherein the identifiable value associated with the serving cell comprises a fictitious neighbor value (Fig.3 and Sections 0032 and 0037-0038).

Regarding claim 16, the combination including Shaheen teaches wherein transferring the ongoing communication from the first radio access network to the second radio access network comprises switching the connection between the communication device and the connected party via the first radio access network to a connection between the communication device and the connected party via the second radio access network (Fig. 7).

Regarding claim 17, the combination including Shaheen teaches wherein transferring the ongoing communication from the first radio access network to the

second radio access network further comprises bypassing the first radio access network (Fig. 7).

Regarding claim 21, the combination including Ovesjo teaches wherein the controller is configured to enter a the ongoing communication by entering a call while operating in a serving cell of the first radio access network (Fig.1, Sections 0017-0020), and wherein the controller is further configured to generate and transmit a measurement report including a fictitious neighbor value associated with the serving cell (Fig. 3 and Sections 0032 and 0037-0038).

Regarding claim 27, Shaheen teaches a controller in a radio access network for handover from a first radio access network UMTS (Fig. 7) to a second radio access network WLAN (Fig. 7), the first radio access network using a different mode of communication from the second radio access network (Section 0018), the controller comprising a communication connection module configured to connect an ongoing communication of the communication device in a serving cell on the first radio access network S2 (Fig. 7); a measurement report module configured to receive a measurement report (Fig.3 and Sections 0032 and 0037-0038); and a handover module configured to transfer the ongoing communication from the first radio access network to the second radio access network (Fig. 3 and). Shaheen fails to clearly teach a measurement report.

Ovesjo teaches a controller in a radio access network for handover from a first radio access network to a second radio access network, the first radio access network using a different mode of communication from the second radio access network (Fig.1,

Sections 0017-0020), the controller comprising a communication connection module configured to connect an ongoing communication of the communication device in a serving cell on the first radio access network (Figs. 2 and 3); a measurement report module configured to receive a measurement report (Fig.3 and Sections 0032 and 0037-0038); and a handover module configured to transfer the ongoing communication from the first radio access network to the second radio access network (Fig. 3 and sections 0017-0020).

Regarding claim 28, the combination including Ovesjo teaches wherein the measurement report comprises a fictitious neighbor value (Fig.3 and Sections 0032 and 0037-0038).

Regarding claim 33, the combination including Shaheen teaches wherein the ongoing communication is transferred from the first radio access network to the second radio access network comprises switching the connection between the communication device and the connected party via the first radio access network to a connection between the communication device and the connected party via the second radio access network (Fig. 7).

Regarding claim 34, the combination including Shaheen teaches wherein the ongoing communication is transferred from the first radio access network to the second radio access network further by bypassing the first radio access network (Fig. 7).

12. Claims 12, 14, and 29-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shaheen et al. (US Pat Appl# 2004/0203792) in view of Ovesjo et al. (US Pat Appl# 2002/0160785) and further in view of Boyer et al. (US Pat# 7,050,812).

Regarding claim 12, Shaheen's method for handoff between a wireless local area network and a universal mobile telecommunication system in view of Ovesjo's commanding handover between differing radio access technologies teaches the limitations claim 10. Shaheen and Ovesjo fail to teach a color code.

Boyer's method in channel assignment in a cellular network teaches a same radio frequency value as a broadcast channel carrier of the serving cell including with a different color code from the broadcast channel carrier of the serving cell, and a frequency value not used as a broadcast channel of the first radio access network of the serving cell (Col. 26 line 24-Col. 28 line 41).

Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate a color code as taught by Boyer into a measurement report of the first radio access network as taught by Ovesjo into Shaheen's method for handoff between a wireless local area network and a universal mobile telecommunication system in order to achieve a high degree of quality signals by minimizing the interference (Col. 2 lines 8-12).

Regarding claim 14, Boyer further teaches wherein the color code comprises an information field including a first three bits of a base station identity code (Col. 26 line 24-Col. 28 line 41).

Regarding claim 29, Boyer further teaches a same radio frequency value as a broadcast channel carrier of the serving cell including with a different color code from the broadcast channel carrier of the serving cell, and a frequency value not used as a

broadcast channel of the first radio access network of the serving cell (Col. 26 line 24-Col. 28 line 41).

Regarding claim 30, Boyer further teaches wherein the color code comprises an information field including a first three bits of a base station identity code (Col. 26 line 24-Col. 28 line 41).

13. Claims 13, 15, and 31-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shaheen et al. (US Pat Appl# 2004/0203792) in view of Ovesjo et al. (US Pat Appl# 2002/0160785) and further in view of Yahagi (US Pat# 7,065,360).

Regarding claim 13, Shaheen's method for handoff between a wireless local area network and a universal mobile telecommunication system in view of Ovesjo's commanding handover between differing radio access technologies teaches the limitations in claim 10. The combination including Shaheen teaches wherein the second radio access network comprises a wireless local area network WLAN (Fig. 7) and the first radio access network comprises a cellular radio access network UMTS (Fig. 7). Ovesjo and Shaheen fail to teach the ongoing communication being a call.

Yahagi's multi-network communication system teaches wherein the ongoing communication comprises one of a data session and a call (Fig. 2 and Col. 4 lines 28-31).

Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the ongoing communication being a call as taught by Yahagi into a measurement report of the first radio access network as taught by Ovesjo into Shaheen's method for handoff between

a wireless local area network and a universal mobile telecommunication system in order to make communication easier and receive different services (Col. 1 lines 32-35).

Regarding claim 15, Yahagi further teaches wherein the ongoing communication comprises a connection between the communication device and a connected party (Fig. 2 and Col. 4 lines 28-31).

Regarding claim 31, Yahagi further teaches wherein the ongoing communication comprises one of a data session and a call (Fig. 2 and Col. 4 lines 28-31).

Regarding claim 32, Yahagi further teaches wherein the ongoing communication comprises a connection between the communication device and a connected party (Fig. 2 and Col. 4 lines 28-31).


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Wendell whose telephone number is 571-272-0557. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on 571-272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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